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**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 51**

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**Introduced by Senator Lieu**

June 22, 2011

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Relative to Microchip Your Animal Day 2011.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 51, as amended, Lieu. Microchip Your Animal Day 2011.

This measure would declare July 7, 2011, to be Microchip Your Animal Day 2011 in California and would request that Californians observe this day by having their dogs and cats microchipped and by supporting organizations that provide no cost and affordable microchipping services.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In the State of California nearly one million dogs  
2 and cats enter our municipal animal shelters every year, costing  
3 taxpayers approximately \$290 million annually, only 13 percent  
4 of these animals find their way home, and over half are euthanized  
5 in the shelters; and  
6 WHEREAS, Many of these unfortunate euthanized companion  
7 animals may have had a loving family desperately searching for  
8 them, but tragically, since the animals did not have identification,  
9 the shelters were unable to reunite the animals with their owners;  
10 and  
11 WHEREAS, Many people consider their animals as a member  
12 of their family and will expend any amount of money to help

1 protect them; however, despite best efforts, many dogs and cats  
2 slip out of an open door and disappear and if the pet is wearing a  
3 collar and identification tag, chances are much improved that the  
4 pet will make it back home, but if the collar slips off, the pet may  
5 face euthanasia within 72 hours of separation; and

6 WHEREAS, A significant source of this problem is the lack of  
7 identification which allows for the reunification of lost animals  
8 with their owners; only 13 percent of lost animals are reunited  
9 with their owners, while 74 percent of microchipped animals are  
10 returned home; and

11 WHEREAS, Microchipping is a safe and effective way to get  
12 animals back home and prevent them from entering the shelter  
13 system; and

14 WHEREAS, Many lost pets are scanned at veterinarian offices  
15 or in the field by animal control and returned to their owners  
16 without ever being impounded; and

17 WHEREAS, Californians can contribute to the effort by  
18 microchipping their own companion animals and by supporting  
19 programs in their communities that offer accessible microchipping  
20 services; and

21 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, humane societies, animal control  
22 agencies, and national and local animal welfare organizations will  
23 join together and advocate the microchipping of dogs and cats on  
24 “Microchip Your Animal Day 2011”; and

25 WHEREAS, This measure would declare July 7, 2011, to be  
26 Microchip Your Animal Day 2011 in ~~California. In honor of this~~  
27 ~~day, a free microchipping clinic will be available on the east steps~~  
28 ~~of the State Capitol from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. California,~~ and the  
29 Legislature requests that Californians observe this day by having  
30 their dogs and cats microchipped and by supporting organizations  
31 that provide no-cost and affordable microchipping services; now,  
32 therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
34 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California  
35 declares July 7, 2011, to be Microchip Your Animal Day 2011 in  
36 California, and requests Californians to observe the day by having  
37 their dogs and cats microchipped and by supporting charitable  
38 organizations that provide microchipping services.

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